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MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on February 2, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: SB 220 TABLED
SB 261 DO PASS
SB 255 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB172 MOTION TO RECONSIDER ~Failed

Committee Business:

00:01:22 Sen. Gillan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 255

00:01:59 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 255 DO PASS.**

00:02:33 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 255 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(los24a01)

Discussion:

00:03:13 Leanne Heisel, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:03:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Sen. Erickson voting by proxy.

00:03:58 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 255 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:04:22 Sen. Essmann

00:05:05 Sen. Gallus

00:05:32 Sen. Gillan

00:07:15 Sen. Tutvedt

00:08:12 Chairman Esp

00:08:52 Sen. Gillan

00:10:01 Sen. Essmann

00:10:57 Sen. Tutvedt

00:11:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Sen. Erickson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261

00:11:54 **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved that **SB 261 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:12:14 Sen. Tutvedt

00:12:30 Chairman Esp

00:12:47 Sen. Gallus

00:13:27 Sen. Barkus

00:13:53 Chairman Esp

00:14:14 Leanne Heisel, LSD

00:14:31 Sen. Gillan

00:14:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sen. Erickson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 220

00:15:26 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 220 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:15:46 Sen. Gallus
00:16:19 Sen. Tutvedt
00:17:25 Sen. Gallus
00:19:55 Sen. Gillan
00:21:40 Sen. Essmann

00:22:24 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Essmann made a substitute motion that **SB 220 BE TABLED.**

00:22:30 Chairman Esp declined to recognize the motion until committee discussion was complete.

Discussion:

00:22:36 Sen. Gallus
00:23:10 Chairman Esp

00:23:25 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Essmann made a substitute motion that **SB 220 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sens. Erickson, Gallus, Gillan, and Laslovich voting no and Sen. Erickson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 172

00:24:20 **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** that **SB 172 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:25:14 Sen. Barkus
00:26:22 Sen. Laslovich

00:26:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote of those present and voting with Sens. Barkus, Gillan, and Jackson voting aye.

Committee Business:

00:27:52 Chairman Esp

00:28:58 Sen. Tutvedt

00:29:16 Chairman Esp

EXHIBIT(los24a02)

Relating to SB 61 and SB 272 heard in Committee on January 30, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los24aad.pdf](#))